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Title: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL GENES AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on June 23, 2000.

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Sara Fowler

REFUND REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the Patent Office that a refund request was inadvertently submitted for the filing fee. Applicant filed the above application by Express Mail on March 17, 2000. In order to obtain a refund, a request needed to be made by May 17, 2000. A small entity declaration for Universite Laval, the assignee, was submitted along with a refund request on May 17, 2000, however, the assignment document signed by the inventors had not yet been properly filed.

Applicants' request the refund be revoked and that the full filing fee be reinstated on the application. The refund should have been in the amount of \$563.00 and may be withdrawn from Deposit account number 13-2725.

The Applicant also hereby respectfully requests a refund under 37 C.F.R. § 1.26 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.28. Applicant filed the above missing requirements by

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Express Mail on June 2, 2000. At the same time the missing parts surcharge of \$130.00 was paid.

Applicant has now properly filed an Assignment document and submits herewith an executed Verified Statement of Status as nonprofit organization for the assignee.

Accordingly, this Request for Refund being filed within two months after payment of the fee in the amount established for a large entity, Applicant respectfully requests that the excess of \$65.00 of the missing parts surcharge be refunded.

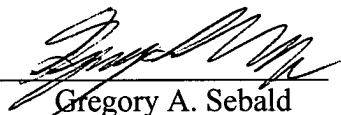
If desired, the refund may also be made via the deposit account No. 13-2725 for Merchant & Gould.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June , 2000

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